

# CERTIFIED PEER COUNSELORS: STATEWIDE CONFERENCE CALL

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Participation (by county): Pierce, Clark, Whatcom, King, Spokane, Kitsap, Pacific, Cowlitz, Benton

Names and counties were listed as people introduced themselves. The list was checked and added to as people spoke. At least 40 people were in attendance

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Roles and goals	<p>Mary explained her role as facilitator for monthly conference calls for employed certified peer counselors (CPCs). These calls were arranged based on needs expressed by CPCs. After several months the group will determine its own leadership structure.</p> <p>The goal of these calls is to meet the needs of CPCs via methods identified and prioritized by the group.</p>
How this forum could be used and related discussions regarding state-wide connections	<p>CPCs about how they might benefit from monthly calls. They discussed some things that currently exist, some gaps, and their desire to be efficient and effective; not to duplicate what may already exist. Needs that might be met via monthly calls fell into the following categories:</p> <p><u>Connection</u>: by phone, face to face, host conference call meetings in small groups across the state, list serve, <a href="http://www.nwseedsofchange.org">www.nwseedsofchange.org</a> , networking. Connection was a big issue as individuals and groups feel isolated from others across the state.</p> <p><u>Information needs</u>: local, state, and national trends; additional and accurate information for clients, highlight individual CPCs and their program/experience. CPC's want to remain accurate and current on information they are providing.</p> <p><u>Education</u>: best practices, create a statewide conference for CPCs, educate the community about the role of CPCs, and identify monthly topics of interest. It was acknowledged that there is a need for ongoing education.</p> <p><u>Support</u>: personal and basic, how to create support for individuals or groups of CPCs, to bounce ideas off one another. Support was a major theme.</p>
Format decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calls will take place the 4th Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each call will focus provide resources on a topic and highlight one CPC (individual or group) with related expertise and information on that topic</li> </ul>
Miscellaneous	It was recommended that CPCs come together in groups where possible to attend each month's conference call meeting.
Actions	<p>Create and type minutes ~ Dawn</p> <p>Post minutes on <a href="http://www.NWseedsofchange.org">www.NWseedsofchange.org</a> ~ Mary</p> <p>Talk to your local CPC group regarding these calls ~ All</p> <p>Send Mary a list of topics you would like to know more about, your area of expertise, and a request if you want the minutes emailed to you ~ All</p>
<p>Next call</p> <p><b>Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss and prioritize topics for discussion, training, education</li> <li>Mary will address the question about the call number and code remaining the same</li> <li>Does the group want names of participants included in the minutes?</li> </ul> <p>NEXT MONTHS TOPIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recourses to create local support for CPCs (individual or groups)</li> </ul>